



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Kazuya SHIBAYAMA et al.
Title: STEERING APPARATUS
FOR VEHICLE
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 23, 2003 (Paper No. 10) and is submitted with a petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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